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REDS CHARGE PILOT OF U-2

Excerpts Of Alleged Statement Of His Displayed

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Moscow, May 11—Francis Gary Powers, the American pilot shot down near Sverdlovsk ten days ago, has been formally charged with espionage, according to excerpts of a purported statement of his which was publicly displayed here today.

The same statement shows that Powers has allegedly pleaded guilty to piloting the high altitude U-2 plane into Soviet territory for the purpose of military intelligence.

The statement was a small part of an exhibition of pieces of the plane, the plane's full equipment and every bit of personal property found on Powers or his plane. The exhibition was thrown open today.

Formal Showing

The exhibition is in a large hall that was formally the chess pavilion of the summer theater in the Gorky Park of Culture and Rest, Moscow's largest and most popular amusement park.

It was opened today for a formal showing to the Soviet and foreign press corps of Moscow and the invitation of the Soviet Foreign Ministry.

The showing was preceded by a press conference of the Soviet foreign minister, Andrei A. Gromyko. Within 30 minutes after the first group of correspondents began a

tour of the exhibitions, Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev also arrived to look over the well-laid-out show.

He spent twenty minutes listening to the experts staffing each of the dozen odd booths.

Shown the oxygen mask that was in perfect working order, Khrushchev remarked that this was why the pilot was able to survive.

The Premier listened intently to the technical explanation of how two tape-recorders aboard the plane were used.

When it was over, he joked that this is a very good exchange of technical experience.

Press Conference Held

Khrushchev spoke with the correspondents for nearly 90 minutes in an impromptu press conference while standing on a rickety chair. Bright light streamed into the hall through windows decorated with chess designs.

The exhibition of plane parts and the pilot's effects left no doubt here of their authenticity.

The equipment was undoubtedly of recent American make.

Although no sign of the United

New U-2 Photo Seen Genuine

Burbank, Calif., May 11—A Lockheed designer said today that a newly-released Russian picture purporting to show the wreckage of a U-2 spy plane shot down by the Russians "may be the real thing."

C. L. (Kelly) Johnson had labeled as a fake the first picture of plane wreckage released by the Russians.

"This looks more like it," said Johnson, when shown a reproduction of the Russian photograph taken of wreckage on display in a Soviet square.

However, Johnson said he could not be certain if the picture is that of the missing U-2 until he and his staff study the photograph.

Looking at the new picture, Johnson said:

"This definitely is not the same wreckage shown in the first picture released by the Russians. That was a heavy airplane, this is a lightweight one, like the U-2."

He had thick dark hair, dark eyes and a somewhat prominent Roman nose.

His complexion appears on the swarthy side. Powers looks like a well and healthy man from his photographs.

Below the pictures were two long excerpts in both Russian and English from his statement.

Each page was signed and corresponds to the signatures shown on his social security and draft cards.

In one excerpt Powers described in full his family, naming his wife, mother and father and other relatives, where they live and what they are doing.

The other pertained to the charge

It read:
"You are being accused of committing an offense provided for by the second paragraph of the law 'criminal amenability for committing offenses against the state. The following accusation is

brought against you as the pilot of an intelligence detachment of the U.S.A. on the first of May, 1960, at 3:34 A.M.

"On a specially equipped plane you crossed the state border of the U.S.S.R. from the side of Pakistan with the aim of collecting strategic information, flying over the territory of U.S.S.R.

"You photographed by means of special equipment the Soviet regions with industrial and military installations located in them and also collected other information of an espionage nature up to 8:55 A.M. on the first of May when your plane was shot down.

"Is Accusation Clear?"

"Is the accusation brought against you clear to you?"

"Answer: Yes, it is.

"Question: Do you plead guilty?"

"I plead guilty to the fact that I have flown over the Soviet territory and over the points indicated on the chart, turned on and off the necessary controls of the special equipment mounted aboard my plane. I consider it was being done with the aim of

medicine, canned food and water up to a tiny inflatable rubber raft and fishhooks.

Charts taken from Powers's plane were shown in another case along with his navigation chart.

They showed the route reported by Premier Khrushchev, going from Peshawar in Pakistan, across Afghanistan and then into the Soviet Union.

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